## 231C.1 Findings, purpose, and intent.

- 1. The general assembly finds that assisted living is an important part of the long-term care continua in this state. Assisted living emphasizes the independence and dignity of the individual while providing services in a cost-effective manner.
  - 2. The purposes of establishing an assisted living program include all of the following:
- a. To encourage the establishment and maintenance of a safe and homelike environment for individuals of all income levels who require assistance to live independently but who do not require health-related care on a continuous twenty-four-hour per day basis.
- b. To establish standards for assisted living programs that allow flexibility in design which promotes a social model of service delivery by focusing on independence, individual needs and desires, and consumer-driven quality of service.
- c. To encourage public participation in the development of assisted living programs for individuals of all income levels.
- 3. It is the intent of the general assembly that the department promote a social model for assisted living programs and a consultative process to assist with compliance by assisted living programs.

96 Acts, ch 1192, \$1; 2003 Acts, ch 166, \$7; 2005 Acts, ch 60, \$1, 2, 21; 2007 Acts, ch 215, \$160